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SUBJECT: PROPOSED INCREASE IN IMF/IBRD STAFF SALARIES

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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON MINFINANCE JOINT SECRETARY SAIGAL MARCH 23 TO REITERATE SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL'S REQUEST THAT INDIAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS BE INSTRUCTED TO VOTE AGAINST COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR IMF AND IBRD STAFFS.

2. SAIGAL SAID THAT MINISTRY STAFF, AFTER CONSIDERING EMBASSY'S DEMARCHE AND REPORT FROM INDIAN REPS IN WASHINGTON, HAD RECOMMENDED TO FINANCE MINISTER THAT INDIA SUPPORT COMPROMISE POSITION. WHILE NOT PUSHING FOR SALARY INCREASES, INDIAN REP WOULD BE INSTRUCTED, IF FACED AT MEETING WITH PERSISTENT MANAGEMENT REQUEST FOR "SOMETHING FOR THE STAFF," TO PROPOSE PARTIAL INCREASE ON A SLIDING SCALE: I.E. FULL FOR LOWER PAID EMPLOYEES AND DIMINISHING TO ZERO FOR EMPLOYEES ABOVE A CERTAIN LEVEL. SAIGAL HOPED THAT SUCH A PROPOSAL WOULD MEET SOME OF MANAGEMENT'S CONCERN WHILE ALSO BEING RESPONSIVE TO THE POLITICAL INTEREST OF THE ORGANIZATIONS' LARGEST DONOR.

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3. EMBOFF STRESSED THAT, IN VIEW OF UPCOMING JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT, AND POSSIBILITY THAT SALARIES WERE ALREADY OUT OF LINE, TIMING WAS A CRUCIAL ELEMENT. HE UNDERSCORED THAT USG WAS NOT SEEKING TO STONEWALL DISCUSSION OF RUMUNERATION AND WAS WILLING TO CONSIDER REASONABLE ADJUSTMENT PROCESS ONCE FULL INFORMATION IN HAND. SAIGAL WAS UNSWAYED, MERELY STATING THAT GOI WOULD BE HAPPY IF BANK/FUND MANAGEMENT DID NOT

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PURSUE THE ISSUE AT THE MEETINGS.
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